NEW YORK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1890.

GREAT, STORMS OUT WEST. THE MINSISSIPPI VALLEY THE BORNE OF LARGE DISTURBANCES.

Torandoes in Several Southern States and Bitzgards in Wischnein and Iowa-The Ohio Threatens to Spread Over the Sur-

rounding Region-Great Damage Done, BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26, -This town was struck by a tornado at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Half of the business houses of the town were unroofed and many materially damaged, while several buildings were destroyed, The cotton compress was unroofed, the North-ern Methodist Church was demolished, and a brick mill was unroufed. The tornade struck the handsome building of the Brownsville Sayings back. The roof was picked off and fell to street with a tremendous crash. Three squares of buildings across the street just morth of the bank were unrooted. Following the tornado came a great flood of rain that completely drenched the goods in the various unroofed houses. The loss is \$50,000. The only less of life reported is that of a woman short three miles from Brownsville, who was struck by a falling tree and instantly killed. ar Louis, Feb. 26.-A tornado swept over the southern part of Hot Springs, Ark., yesterday, carrying away fences, overturning frame houses, and doing a good deal of damage to sther property. The old observatory, nearly 100 feet high, was blown down. The storm came from the west and reports are coming in

that its track between Wichita lilver and the Springs is marked by wrecked farms, houses, restrated trees, and general destruction. At Marianna, Ark., the new Christian church was completely demolished. Lesser's cotton shed was blown away, and the roofs of several ather buildings were lifted off. About three miles west of town, a negro school house, with

houses who submerged in part. In many places the heavy miniall was attended with high winds.

At Keathey, Tenn, the bank building belonging to Winslew Fisher & Baird was blown to splinters. Thirty-five persons were in the building at the time, of whom about 61x were more or less injured, none fatalty. George Kitchiner of Lowell, Mass., had his head and thinh severely bruised; E. O. Cross of Proctorylies Vt., had his right leg crushed at the thigh; there of Thutcher of Maddlesboro had an arm broken; Dr. Hadgings of Knoxville, Tenn. was severely injured in the eyes, and had both legs and an arm broken off.

At Marion, Ky., there was a severe wind partiy blown down and the records badly damaged. The opera house was unroofed, and several big houses were more or loss damaged. Ashilashi, Wis., Feb. 26.—The worst snow and wind storm of the season is prevailing here. It

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Ostrosti, Wis., Feb. 26.—Vesterday afternoon a blizzard swept down upon this city, and in less than haif an hour three inches of snow had fallen, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the street cars were occarted. The storm is by far the worst of the year. The effect will be keenly felt in the lumber cames, where the snow is already so deep that logging operations were carried on with difficulty.

Mason City, Iowa, Feb. 25.—A blizzard set in resterday, covering the entre northern portion of the State. The thermometer marks zero, and all trains are delayed.

Camanton City, Ind., Feb. 26.—A cloud burst on Monday night caused Martindale treek, near this place, to rise soquickly that a woman

CINCINNATI, Feb. 26 .- An enormous body of earth, including soveral acres of surface of a hill which rises abruptly from the Ohio River. on the Kentucky side, opposite Lawrenceburg.
Ind., slipped into the Chin lilver restorday with
a frightful sound. The mass fell across the
river. Trees and boulders were carried as if
the bill had been uphenved by an earthquake.

SOME B. M. SHORE; SOME DIDN'T. The Nineteenth District B. M. R. O. Split Down the Middle.

A few weeks ago Charles D. Sweeny, who is the official organizer of the Business Men's Republican Organizations, went up in the Nineteenth district and started a branch. Everything prospered until it became apparent that only one man could be President, and then dissension arose. Mr. St seny was requested to call around and effe. a compromise.

Mr. Sweeny got around to White Oak Hall at 1,034 Tenth avenue last night, and found an excited jam of men on hand. He made a speech in which he explained that a new set of officers would be elected by the members of the organization who could only vote after awearing before a notary public whom Mr.

swearing before a notary public whom Mr. Sweeny had brought with him that they were members of the translation, that they were not members of any isomorphic tody, and that they members of any isomorphic tody, and that they members of any isomorphic tody, and that their members of any isomorphic tody, and that their members of the organization and to support liepublican principles and to vote for lieutoblean mational and State candidates at the next election.

Mr. Sweeny's speech was made with some discuss, owing to various interruptions in the shape of peer cat cuits, and the shutting of feet, rive policement pushed their way in and passed themselves in front of the platform. Translated W. C. Anderson and all the influent Fession of the second except the rotter are lieutoble to an enthus astic gathering a vicers from the little enthunit accordance in vicers and the little enthunit accordance in vicers and the rotter and make the rotter and the rotter and make the rotter and make the rotter a

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Why Election Returns Come in Slawly from Some Districts.

TRUNTON, Feb. 26 .- The Ballot Box Investigating Committee this afternoon began an exploration of the boxes from the Seventh As-sembly district in Hudson county. This is said to be the toughest neighborhood in the county. In the box of the First precinct the count of the tickets was straight enough, but 114 of the tickets here peculiar marks, and they will unquestionably be thrown out by the committoe. The stamp on the backs of them was different from the stamp impressed by the and the word "city." In the regular tickets there is hardly any spacing at all. The Second precinct box was all right, but that from the Third was " rotten," as the expression is here when a particularly bad box is struck. The dial, the poll book, and the regi-try list failed to compare correctly, and there were 201 butlots that will be thrown out as spurious, hundred and six of these had not been milled at all, and 25 were jokers. The ballots that were not jokers and yet quite plainly fraudulent were clean and appeared to have been strong only once. while the genuine ballots were finger marked and otherwise solled, and appeared to have been restrung. According to the tally sheet McDonald had received 644 votes in this preeinet. The ballots, good and bad, east in his

favor and found in the box numbered 668. The committee adjourned at 6 h this evening until 8, and then, preparatory to opening the box from the Fourth precinct, put Terrence McDonald upon the witness stand. McDonald other buildings were lifted off. About three miles west of town, a negro school house, with sixty-dive children in it, was blown from its foundation, but no one was hurt.

The storm played have with the entire country between Hot Springs and the Unachita River. Many farm houses were trait to atoms, Large frees were uprocted, and in many places the roads are completely blockaded by fallent limer.

CINCINATI, Fet. 26.—All the elements of a disastrous flood in the Ohio River seem to be now present. Continuous wet weather has saturated the earth so that the excessive rainfails of the past three or four days have all found their outlet in the trioutaries of the river. Along the entire valley of the Ohio the rainfail has been common. From the kentucky side lig Sandy Rivercomes with a boom almost unparalisely will be gire, and every inch after two Miamis, keep the river bed full, while a rise is centing down from head waters.

The rise since 9 A. M. vester any lor twenty-four hours is over seven feet, and the gauge now shows 49 feet 6 inches in the channel, About 19x feet more and interference with railroad traffic will be gire, and every inch after last ingit; than it has been for ten years. The water had entered the Straub House, one of the rimingal locks of the city, and many houses we to submerged in part. In many places the hoavy rainfall was attended with high winds.

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At Easthley, Tenn, the bank building belonging to Winsiew, Fisher & Baird was blown housed the straub House, one of the city and many houses we to submerged in part. In many places the heavy rainfall was attended with high winds. Served two terms in the Assembly. The Democracy has honored him in various other ways in with those figures. McDonald inquired as to how many votes had been polled, and Mike Hughes, the judge of election, put his hand over the dial, declaring at the same time that it was not in working order. McDonald said also that he noticed that the clerk of election, whose name is Scanlon, had a juge or more of annes on the poll book that were not numbered. He asked Scanlon how many votes had been polled, and Scanlon replied that he did not know. He had not numbered the names because there wasn't time enough to do so. McDonald said that no one was voting then, and he called the attention of the clerk to the fact that the law required the numbering of the names. At 7 o clock in the evening the election offleers closed the polis, and Judge Hughes announced that 507 had been polled, and that a recess would be taken before the beginning of the count. Election Inspector Schultz remarked that no such number had voted, Hughes replied: "They are in the box." The recess ended at 3:10. The election offleers counted 100 votes publicly. Then another rocess was taken, and it lasted until 2 o'clock in the morning. On the resuming of the count, McDonald said Judge Hughes without apparant reason went to the back part of the building and struck the file cong. In a without apparant reason went to the back part of the building and struck the fire gong. In a moment confusion reigned. The men got the without apparant reason went to the back part of the building and struck the fire gong. In a moment confusion reigned. The men got the machine out, and while the excitement and noise incident thereto was at its height liughes. Cassidy, and Scanlon, all election officers, ran up stairs into the second story of the building with the ballot box. Police Sergeant McGinnis was present, and he called out that if any one attempted to follow the election officers up stairs he would brain them with his club. McDonald remarked that he would have to be the first victim, and Policeman Harrington placed his club across the door to prevent him from going up in the wake of the election officers. McDonald broke the bar made by the club and started up stairs. Series and McGinnis threatened him again, but he succeeded in ascending the stairs. McGinnis then ordered patroiman Donovan to "fire" wicDonald, and the patroiman promptly obeyed the order of his superior, but not until McDonald had got his eye on the ballot box dial and saw that it registered 404 votes, which a corresponded with the count kept by the representative or the fusion party.

The dial still showed 404 votes which he restainting committee opened the box. Melonald is story over, no time was lost in examination to be hallot a decoring to the tally should and the box he hallot a decoring to the tally should and the box he hallot a decoring to the tally should and the box he hallot a decoring to the tally should and the barboine to the tally should and the barboine to the tally should and the barboine to the tally should and the box he hallot a decoring to the tally should and the box he hallot should be the barboine to the tally should be the barboine to the tally should be the box.

resterday, covering the entire northern portion of the State. The thermometer marks zero, and all trains are delayed.

Camburder City, Ind., Feb. 28.—A cloud burst on Monday night caused Martindale creek, near this place, to rise so quickly that a woman and three children of the Hall family were drowned. They belonged to a party of gypsies encamped near the stream.

Camburder the stream.

Camburder City, Ind., Feb. 28.—On Monday night this place was visited by the heaviest rain full that has occurred for the last fifteen wars. It pained incessantly until noon yesterday. The low lands are laundated, and this will interfere with railread travel. A tornado at Bainferd ware ware injured, but none fathly.

Sign J. M.—At soch ek this ovening the river at this point was 31 feet 25 inches above low water, and was rising at the rate of 2 inches an hour, a rate which it has keep up all day. It may rise two or three feet more but rivermen predict it will stop at 32 or 55 feet. Should there he an immediate great raintall in the Ohio valley it world undoubtedly cause a great flood. At present the situation excites no approhension, A low cellars in the lower bottoms will have a few feet or inches of water bottoms will have a few feet or inches of water bottoms will have a few feet or inches of water bottoms will have a few feet or inches of water bottoms will have a few feet or inches of water bottoms appricate and others had a suspicious appearance. Stuhr, by led. Ex-Judge Garretson, who attends the sessions of the committee as counsel for Senator McDonaid, called the committee's attention to the fact that Terrence McDonaid had testified that at the count of the election officers Stuhr had 34 votes in the first 100 counted, while the recount to hight showed that he had only 20. The committee made a note of this and proceeded with another box. The remaining preclucts in this district are in Hoboken, and the boxes will not be opened until the clerk of that city arrives with their keys to-morrow. Fending his appearance the committee looked at the loxes of the eighth district. The tally sheet of the first precluct here showed that McDonaid received 25% votes, and Stuhr, 192. There were only 255 McDonaid ballots however, and of these 30 were jokers and others had a suspicious appearance. Stuhr, by the recount, gets 95 votes. In the Second precinct according to the tally sheet. McDonaid gave Stuhr 40 and McDonaid 104, inclusive of six jokers. The committee will resume its labors to-morrow morning.

jokers. The committee w Justice Knapp notified the Hudson County Grand Jury resterday to clear up all its business before Friday morning, and to appear in court. He said he would then have something to say to it. It is said he means to make a special charge to the jury concerning the election frauds now being exposed in Trenton.

THE LOUISIANA LOTTERY.

Its Promoters Are Now Trying to Capture Nevada.

San Francisco, Feb. 26 .- Now that the Louisiana Lottery has been defeated in North Dakota an attempt will be made to reinaugurate the scheme in Nevada. Three years ago efforts were made to establish a lottery enterprise there, and a year ago it was again before the Legislature. It has been said that all this time the Louisiana people were really all this time the Louisiana people were really behind the scheme. The fact that their twenty years' charter will expire in Louisiana this year, and that they cannot get it renewed there, has made Nevada their last hope. The chances of success are good, as the State is in need of money, and many legislators will back the scheme. Senator Torre, who is now here, favors lottery, and he says Sonators sharon, Beiknap, Boyle, Williams, and Omety will support it, and it is likely to go through.

A Father Detents His Children in Court. CHICAGO, Feb. 26.-Amor Liversidge, aged nearly 70 years, won to-day \$14,000 from his children after having against their wishes married a beautiful English woman, Mrs. Eliza Maybon, Old Mr. Liversidge asserted that when his children, Joseph H. Liversidge, Mrs. Louisa Oliphant, and Mrs. Emma West, found that he had become engaged to Mrs. Mabon, whom he mat while travelling in Engaged, they haddwinked him into deedrelatining from his orbital tour the sed gentleman, who is very infirm, discovered that the document he signed was a regal at convenance. The children swore that the deed was voluntery, and that the attempt to nullify it was at the instance of his young wife. Judge Taley today he d that the children had imposed around their old lather. When Mr. I hereidge comprehensed that the decision was in his favor his joy was wonderful to behold.

Arrest of a Gullty Couple,

Bracke, S. D., Feb. 26. A mon at I woman, who has a form 'lying tiere shore but the total A life road is the last few last and and the matter of the second of the second is the last followed him for was then claimed, the outs was admissed. Ambreson was re located President, a help started an independent B M. R. O. er in Linden Hall, with John McKenny for Blimois. Both have families in Tioga Centre, where they will be taken. BOY PRISONERS REVOLT.

CAME OUT OF THE RWAMP WHEN THEIR TEACHER CALLED "ATTENTION!"

Six lumntes of the House of Refuse on Randall's Island Beat the Watchman, Steal His Keys, and Enjoy an Outing.

Six boys, ranging from 16 to 18 years of dail's Island, broke open the doors of their cells at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, fell upon the watchman in the corridor, stole his keys, and escaped from the building. An hour later box. there being a half inch space the same boys marched meekly into the super-between the word "Jersey" and the ellipse, intendent's office, escorted by teachers and and again between the other side of the ellipse keepers who had captured them. Four of them are now doing penance on bread and water, and the other two, who were the ringleaders, will probably be sent to the Elmira Reformatory. The boys are Frank McClelland, 17 years old; James Reilly, 16 years; Joseph Klimmer, 15 years; George Floming, 16 years; Joseph Haley, 16 years, and John Molloy, 18

They all sleep in the same dormitory, on the

second floor, in what is called the second division. Two works ago, while the boys were in the lavatory and the keeper's back was turned, McClelland wrenched a long fron book from the wall. The book was flattened at one end, and was used as a support for the water pipes. He secreted the hook under his coat, and in the evening took it to his cell, where he hid it in the straw mattress. A few days later some of the boys were put to work clipping the trees about the house, Among them was McClelland, and when he retired to his cell for the night he carried under his coat a stout little club, which he had cut is a veteran Hudson county politician, and from a willow tree. During school hours of the following days and in the shop McClelland unfolded his plan to his comrades. Each keeper who is in charge of a divisi n of the house is expected at certain regular intervals to turn a key in the corridor wall communicating with the office. This is called the keeper's telltale. The keeper who was in charge of the second division had to pass the cells in which McClelland and his comrades were confined on his way to this key.

About 12% o'clock yesterday morning Keeper Jonah Ketcham passed through the corridor, turned the key, and walked on. When he had the ballot box and the register corresponded gone McCleiland slipped the bolt of his cell with those figures. McDonald inquired as grating with the iron book which he had to how many votes had been polled, stolen. He then performed the same office for

gone McCleiland slipped the bolt of his cell stolen. He then performed the same office for each of his commanions. The boys then went back into their cells and closed the doors. A little after I o'clock Watchman Ketcham came along again, McCleiland dashed open his door as the watchman passed his cell and brought his willow club down on Ketcham's head. The blow knocked Ketcham down and stunned him. The other five boys rushed from their cells, set upon the prostrate watchman, and bound him hand and foot with a rope. Then they took off Ketcham's heavy overcoat, gathered the sleeves together and tied them in a knot over the watchman's face, almost suffocating him. Rellly, who had been very active in kleking the watchman, went through his pockeds and took from them Ketcham's bunch of keys and his silver watch. Leaving the watchman where he had failen, the boys left the building, and with the aid of the stolen bunch of keys had no difficulty in making their way through the yard.

Half an hour later betcham managed to free himself and gave the alarm. Superintendent Jones ordered the keepers to man the gates, and sent out searching parties to different parts of the Island. Charles W. Manchester, the vice-principal of the school, and H. H. Plough, cas of the teachers went to the swamp at the northern end of the island. They heard lew voices among some bushes, and Mr. Manchester called: "Attention:" The boys were accustomed to hearing his orders in the school room, and obeyed him with more promptitude than they would have obeyed a similar command from a keeper. It was as dark as pitch at that hour and a heavy fog hung over the island. Mr. Manchester called: "Attention:" The boys were accustomed to hearing his orders in the school room, and obeyed him with more promptitude than they would bave obeyed a similar command from a keeper. It was as dark as pitch at that hour and a heavy fog hung over the island. Mr. Manchester called the roll of those whom Superintendent Jones had only in the first partier of the boys apprehend

dangerous.

In the morning a meeting of the lleard of Managers of the House of Rejuge was hastily called. Mr. John A. Weeker is President of this Board. It was decided to prefer charges of robbery in the first degree and felonious assault against McClelland and Reilly. The other four, who it is supposed were led into the undertaking by these two, were for the present senienced to be confined to their cells on a discontinuous and the continuous co

assault against. McClelland and Relly. The other four, who it is supposed were led into the undertaking by these two, were for the present sentenced to be confined to their cells on a diet of bread and water.

Special Officer Files, stationed on police duty at the House of Reluge, took the boys to the Harlem Police Court in the atternoon. McClelland said to Justice Murray: "We got stuck in the swamp and couldn't find a hoat. We thought they had guns. If we had known they only had clubs they wouldn't have caught us so easily." Justice Murray held the boys in \$1,000 bail each for trial.

Both McClelland and Relliv were sent to the House of Letuge for robbery. McClelland's father is a ship carpenter, living at 481 Cherry street. A month and the boy and two companions examped from the institution, sented a twenty-foot wall, and paddled across the river in the Island boat. McClelland surained his ankle in drouping from the wall, but he and his companions walked to Fort Washington, where they were arrested by a mounted policeman who recognized the uniform they wore. McClelland said they received a good thrashing when they wore brought back, which made him more determined to escape. He has been in the House of Refuge nearly four years.

Relify's nacents live in Nowburgh. He was sent to line daily is lained about filteen months ago for the second time. When he was about 12 years old he was taken to the institution, and two years later was discharged and returned to Newburgh. A friend of his lather took an interest in him and gave him shelter and food. For several months young Relliy lived at this friend's house, doing a few chures about the house in return for his living. One night he opened the front door to let in a burglar, and the next day was arrested.

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To Set from 100,000 to 250,000 Ems of Type Daily for 15 Cents per Thousand.

The following is the agreement entered Into on Oct. 18, 1889, between A. A. Brush. agent and Warden of Sing Sing prison, party of the first part, and Horatio N. Davis of the city of Brooklyn, party of the second part:

That the party of the first part, for himself and his successor or successors in office in consideration of the premises hereinafter named, agrees to furnish to the party of the second part the composition of from 100, 000 to 250,000 ems of type daily for the period of three years from the 1-th day of November, 1-50. The said composition shall be performed by parents of experi-ence if a sufficient number shall be comined in the ence, if a sufficient number shall be confined in lile prisons.

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Beunion of Twins Who Fought Together in Three Wars.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 26.-Hannibal and Hornce Bonney, whose fame as landlords is not confined to New Hampshire, celebrated to-day their seventy-lifth birthday. They are twins, t code are, and in 1856

A REVIVALIST IN TROUBLE.

Eloped With One of His Converts and Sued by Her Father for Libel.

Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 26.-On July 17 last the Rev. E. V. Bowker and Miss Ella, the 17year-old daughter of James Wheat of Plymouth, made a runaway trip to this town and were married. The Rev. Mr. Bowker, who was raised in the western part of the State, bad then been age, inmates of the House of Refuge on Rao- | recently ordained a minister of the Free Methodist Church and had been conducting a successful revival at Plymouth. Among the more constant and devout attendants upon his ministrations was the young daughter of Mr. Wheat. The preacher fell in love with and wanted to marry her, but the father, who is quite well to do objected, both on account of her extreme youth and because he thought she could do better than to marry a penniless Methodist preacher. Mr. Wheat prohibited the girls attendance on the revival meetings, and interdicted the preacher's visit at his house. But the pair got away together and were married just the same.

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The escapade outher part of a popular young preacher, occurring in the midst of a successful religious awakening which he was conducting, made a great stir through the country, more particularly because Mr. and Mrs. Wheat remained obstinately unfreeneded to their new son-in-law. Some of the strait-laced brethren consured Brother Bowker severely for his conduct. Among those censors was the lev. M. W. Fuller, who fills a charge in the adjoining town of Pharsalla, and whose animadversions provoked his young brother procedure. versions provoked his young brother preacher into a virulent recoinder by letter, in which he accuses Pastor Fuller of being envious of his

accuses Paster Futter of being envious of his superior talents and success as a sulpit orator, and of conspiring with his latter-in-law to ruin his reputation, and of other heinous and whelristian offeness.

When the Rev. Mr. Bowker's anger had couled a little he withdrew the more scandalions charges against leaster Fuller, but took back nothing he said against his father-in-law. Thereupon Mr. Wheat had him arrested for uttering a criminal libel and the case came on for trial a day or two ago before Justice Hall of Preston. The libellous letter was put in evidence by the District Attorney. The defendant picaded that the letter was a privileged communication, that he had a right to defend his own reputation, and that no malee had been shown. The Justice accepted the plea and discharged the orisoner, who returned triumphant to his congregation and friends. ed triumphasi to his congregation and friends, It is said that ar effort will now be made to secure an indictment against the Rev. Mr. Bowker by the Grand Jury of the county.

TO IMPROVE THE ANNEXED DISTRICT. The Senate Committee Proposes a Com-

missioner of Street Improvements. The special committee of the State Senate, report is accompanied by the draft of a bill which, in the opinion of the committee, will which, in the opinion of the committee, will serve to cure the evils of which the residents of those wards complain. All the public works of those wards are now under the control of the Board of Park tominissioners.

It is proposed in the new bill to take this territory from the Park Commissioner and vest their nowers in a \$5,000 Commissioner and vest their nowers in a \$5,000 Commissioner and a \$5,000 deputy. The Commissioner is to be known as the Commissioner of Street Improvements for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards of the city of New York. He is to hold office for six years, beginning on May I, 1890. It is suggested in the report that it might be as well to have him elected by the citizens of the two wards. He is directed in the bill to nurry up the contempated improvements in those wards. Of the need of these the committee speak in strong terms.

"We met," they say, "on two days, and travelled over the territory in carriages, observing the condition of the streets and also the provisions for sewerage and grainage. We found nearly 60 miles of public highways in a wretched and deplorable condition, and in the more thickly popularied sections almost impassable. There are only about six miles of paved streets in an area nearly as large as the rest of the city of New York. There are only twenty-seven miles of sewers, and almost no drainage in the midst of a population of nearly 10,000 people.

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The St. Louis Chief of Police May Spend a

Season in Juil, Sr. Louis, Feb. 26.-Anton Heubler, Chief of the St. Louis Police, has been adjudged guilty of contempt by the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, and the Court is now deliberating upon his punishment. A writ of habeas corpus was served upon him two weeks ago in behalf of Clede Fiening, a woman ago in behalf of Clede Fieming, a weman wanted in Omaha for grand larceny. He ignored the writ, turned the prisoner over to an Omaha officer, and now unless the weman is produced in two days fleubler will go to jail. When he realized the scopardy in which he was thread, he sent to Capt. Campbell of Omaha to bring the woman back at all harards. In order to save Heabler it is said the case of grand larceny analist the woman has been dismissed in Omaha, and she will be sent back here. The Chief could not produce her on the date named, but horses to mitigate his punishment by producing her now.

Beath of a Weather Prophet,

SPRINGFIELD, Obio, Feb. 26. Jonas Drury, a well-known weather prophet, aged 80, dled here to-day. For sixty-five years he kept records of the weather in all its phases, and ords of the weather in all its plasses, and at three different times each day. He had a fine education and a wenterful memory, and because the amount as a weather pregnosticator. Its predictions were based on precedents, he asserting that the same atmospheric conditions caused the same atmospheric conditions caused the same atmospheric conditions caused the same atmospheric conditions were generally reliable. He predicted the great sorm which devastated Menia. Onio, four years ago, and several other great storms. For some time he increased the Cleveland Leader. Cincinnat transperval tractic, and other dalies with daily weather reports. He was quite an astronomor, and had many curfwas quite an astronomer, and had many curi-ous instruments of his own invention for making observations.

A General Registration Law,

ALBANY, Feb. 26. Senators Linson, Fassett. Hendricks, Chase, and Saxton, in friendly conference to-night, agreed upon a general registration bill for the whole State. It provides for ters not annual registration, with four days in which to register, he every city in the State, and it as plies to all towns and villages the same system of registration as is now in vogus in eities of over sixteen thousand inhabitants, which provides for compulsary traitments. sory registration, not personal, except on the last day.

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A DAGGER IN HIS HEART. SILK MANUFACTURER CLAUDE CHAF-

FANJON KILLS HIMSELF. Kneeling in a Bath Tub Full of Water with

a Revolver in His Left Hand He Drives a Four-inch Blade Into His Brenst. Word was sent to the Sixth precinct police in Jersey City yesterday morning that Claude Chaffanjon, a silk manufacturer, had died sud- | of the street whom she immediately recognized denly. Policeman Hopkins went to the house to investigate, and reported at the station that Mr. Chaffanjon had been found drowned in the bath tub in his room on the second floor escaped from him then, but when she saw Several days ago Miss Covert made an ante-of his house at 172 South street. He him resterday she knew the anxiety of the pohad probably been taking a bath. Hop-kins reported, and had been attacked crossed the street and followed him. He was with heart disease and drowned. In the after-noon one of the workmen in Mr. Chaffan; ori's the lookout for a victim. He had not seen her. factory, which is nearly opposite his house in South street, told a neighbor that some letters that had been found on Mr. Chaffanjori's desk in his house, indicated that he had committed suicide. The report spread rapidly. A crowd gathered around Mr. Chaffanjori's house. It and Dougherty coming down the avenue. was made up largely of his neighbors and

he lived, refused to be seen.

The secret was successfully kept funtil night, when the facts came out. Mr. Chaffanjon had killed himself because he could not pay his debts. He was 53 years old. He came to this country twenty-two years ago from Lyons. He learned the silk maker's trade in the mill in South street, and became a practical silk worker. He saved his money He had quite a large sum when he came from France, and with what he earned he got possession of the mill. He was prosperous and made a good deal of money. He did what none of the other silk mills in the State do. He kept his factory running all through the dull season at a loss, his sole object being to keep his workmen employed. The silk manufactured in these dull seasons accumulated, and often had to be sold at a sacrifice. These losses from time to time made a big hole in the manufacturer's savings, and finally he had to make an assignment. He resumed business shortly afterward, having taken a partner. Two years ago he had trouble with his partner, and since then his business has been anything but prosperous. He got heavily who were appointed on May 1,1888, consisting | in debt. Last summer ne went to France and of Senators Vedder, Irwin, Arnold, Stadler, and raised a considerable amount of money to Murphy, to inquire into the condition of the pay his debts and start afresh. It was not streets in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth | sufficient, and when he returned he found his wards of this city, have completed their labors and submitted their report to the Senate. The in getting possession of it through the courts. and was running it, it, was supposed, at a profit and was running it, it, was supposed, at a profit.

Instead of that, however, he was running in
debt more rapidly than he had before.

This preyed on his mind, and he was disheartoned. Tuesday ovening he had a card
party at his house, and he seemed to have
shaken off his despondency, and was one of the
liveliest players at the tables. About 11 o'clock,
when the party broke up, he bade his nephow
and his housekeoper good-night and wen un
stairs, they thought, to bed. He did not appear at the usual time in the morning, and repeated knocking on the doer of his room did
not be the proposed by the party had been

a St.500 deputy. The Commissioner of Street Improvements for the Twenty-though and the Commissioner of Street Improvements for the Twenty-though and the St.500 depointed by the Mayor, and he is to hold office for six years, beginning on May 1, 1890. It is suggested in the report that it might be as two wards. He is directed in the bill to harry up the contempated improvements in those wards. He is directed in the bill to harry up the contempated improvements in those speak in strong terms. On two days, and tray the continuous distriction of the streets and also the provisions for sewerage and crainage. We found the street in the street in

SHE TORE HIS HAIR FOR HIM.

An Oltawa Woman Insists That Mr. De-

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 .- At noon to-day two rather attractive females were passing hurriedly along the lobby adjoining the Commons chamber and up stairs to the French translator's room, where they inquired for Chief Translator Demers. They proved mother and daughter, and their mission was to learn whether Demers intended to marry or pay the sum of \$3,000 for the alleged seduction is a younger sister, aged 15, who is at tion is a rouncer sister, aged 15, who is at present the inmate of a lying-in hospital. Demors protested his innocence, and threatened to have his traducers arrested. The mother at once sprang at him, tore out his hair, scratched his lace, and thoroughly demoralized his reneral make-up. Members of Parliament, Senators, and the officials of the House soon congregated to see the fight between Pemers and his prospective mother-in-tage. After the distinguised translator had manical to seemie into an athorize from and learned to seemie into an athorize from the first three first three from the first three first three from the first three first t law. After the disfigured translator had man-nged to easile into an adjoining room and look himself up and his assailant had received the congratulations of the spectators, the latter retired apparently none the worse for the affray to a lawyer's office, through whom she will at once proceed to undicate her daughter's honor before the courts by compelling the Frenchman to marry her.

Demers has a salary of \$1,400 a year, and is reputed to be worth \$25,000, which he turns to good account as a money lender.

Slipped Two Wedding Rings Into His Glove. Two well-dressed men entered Jacob Rauth's jewelry store, at 300 Third avenue, on Tuesday and asked Miss Hattle Rauch, who was alone in the store to show them some They looked at a trayful and then turned to go, but not before one of them had slipped two

of the rings into a glove which he held in his of the rings into a glove which he had had had had Miss Rauch screamed and the men fled, but the young woman pursued them until Policeman Hennessey of the East Twenty-second street station ranght the man who had the stolen rings. The other man escaped.

In the Yorkville Police Court resterday the prisoner said he was William Mestayer, 27 years old, an actor, of 225 East Seventieth street. He was held for trial.

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CAPTURED BY MISS HAYES.

The Man Who Han Been Annoying Wemer and Girls in Long Island City. Miss Mary A. Haves, a teacher in the pub-

He schools of Long Island City, succeeded last night, it is believed, in tracking down the man who has been terrorizing girls and women in Long Island City by attempting to kiss and hug them. She was returning home from school when she saw a man on the opposite side as the person complained of. He had followed her to school saveral times, and once he had attempted to put his arms around her. She Miss Hayes kept in the shadow of the trees along the sidewalk. Every time he turned to ook back she dodged behind a tree, Just as he was crossing Buchannan place on his way

to Newtown avenue she saw Policemen Keegan She attracted their attention to the man friends, but no one was admitted. Claude and they lost no time in arresting him-He was taken to the police station where Miss Bougin. Mr. Chaffanjori's nephew, with whom Barteleo. He could not speak English. He will be arraigned in the police court to-day. He answers the description given by other women of the man who has annoyed them.

THE DAM DISASTER.

Stortes of those who Naw the Great Wall or Water.

PHENIX, Ariz., Feb. 26 .- News from the dam disaster reaches here slowly. The com-

CHALLENGED TO FIGHT A DUEL, Young Mr. Fessenden Replies with His

George McDonald and George Fessenden, two 20-year-olders, are said to have quarrelled about a very pretty girl who lives on the Hill in Brooklyn. Fessenden, it is certain, slapped McDonald's face, punched him in the eyes, and gave him a pretty sound drubbing. The immediate cause of the battle is said to have been | and then apparently only to get his mail. mediate cause of the battle is said to have been that McDonald wrote a challenge to mortal combat and, dispensing with the services of a second, presented it in person to his hated rival. Fersenden, it is said, threw the challenge back at him and then administered the drubbing. This irregularity in the code of procedure led McDonald to get a warrant for Fersenden's arrest on a charge of assault. Justice Keina, when Fersenden's arrest on allowed him to go on his own recognizance until this morning, when the case will be heard.

SAYS A BARBER DEUGGED HIM.

formed and Then Robbed. Sr. Louis, Feb. 26 .- Emil Graf told a peculiar story in the First District Police Court this morning. On the strength of it a warrant was sworn out charging Frederick Sumann with petit larceny. Graf was arrested about 4 P. M. on last Thursday. I atrolman Alexander found him in the barber shop of Sumann at 607 South Frondway. He had an open knife in his band and was raging up and down the room like a wild man. He said he had been robbed and wanted Sumann to give him back his pocket-book.

wanted Sumann to give him back his pocketbook.

The natrolman thought the fellow was drunk
and arrested him. He saw re to-day that he
went to Sumann's barber shop to get shayed
and was drugged in the chair and robbed. He
alleges that chloroform was put to his nose and
he thought it was a new kind of perfume.
Sumann was arrested.

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New England coast, reaching a velocity of forty to fifty
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down to Texas, where it was below freezing.

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HIRAM SAWTELLE'S MURDER.

The Coroner's Jury Say It Was Committed in New Hampshire by Isanc Sawtelle. GREAT FALLS, N. H., Feb. 26,-The Coroner's jury in the Sawtelle case agreed upon a verdict at 2 o'clock last night. The verdict will be written and filed in court to-day. It declares that the body found in the marsh road woods was that of Hiram Sawtelle, and road woods was that of Hiram Sawtelle, and that he came to his death by reason of builet wounds inflicted by Isaac Sawtelle while in a carriage on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The theory is that Isaac drove the team, and seeing a detached barn on the edge of Nutter's woods, there committed the murder. There has seen no evidence before the sury to show the participation of an accomplies in the crime. This verifiet insures the trial of Isaac Sawtelle in Strafford N. H. as it alleges that the murder was committed in this State.

LONDON, Feb. 26 .- Abraham Lincoln, the only son of Minister and Mrs. Lincoln, died tonight.

Clarkson Elected Commander of the G. A. R. Syracuse, Feb. 26.-The encampment of the Department of New York, G. A. R., to-day elected Floyd Charkson of New York Depart-ment Commander; H. B. Webb, Senior Vice-Commander; Gardiner C. Hibbard, Junior Vice-Commander; Dr. H. W. Carpenter, Medical Director, and the Rev. Robert F. Hurley, I. D. Chaplain. Theodore I. Poole. Charles H. Freeman, Thomas B. Udell. John Kolder, and Martin Short were elected members of the Council of Administration. Mrs. Sarah C. Nichols of Auburn was elected department President of the Woman Relief Corps.

The officers were lostalled by Gon, Fraser, Resolutions for the better enforcement of the Civil Service law in reserence to the eligibility of voterals to office; censering the holding of plenies, playing of base ball games, &c., on Memorial Day, and giving it as the sense of the encamment that the Per Diem Pension bill be passed were adopted. Commander: Gardiner C. Hibbard, Junior

WHEELING, Feb. 26 .- About a month ago

per dny, and eight hours' work on Saturday with nine hours' pay. The demand was resisted by the Builders' Exchange, and last week a few of the carpenters struck. The Builders' Exchange anomical a conference committee, but the everture met with no success, and tonight the carpenters resolved to strike in a besty to-morrow unless the masons' terms are put to me the supering of the carpenters resolved to strike in a besty to-morrow unless the masons' terms are put to me the supering dest. Marray of the form of the form

Photographs Taken of Richard Barrett. At the request of the British Consul, the po-ce but Photographer One take several photographs of Nichard Barrett, alias " Nore-yed Dick," who was ar resied here for the nurder of Ldward Thomas Walliams in London and committed suicide at Police Headquarters. The views were taken while Harrett's body lay on the disserting tables in Vincent's Hospital and show the supposed murders in several positions. The photographs will be sent by Saturday's steamer to be ottained hard.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The cholera has abated in Persia. A class of extreme students was graduated from the object of Physicians and Surgenia at he sub, lows, ast week.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

TESSIE COVERT DYING. HER STORY OF BEIRAYAL BY JOHN

MELVILLE BASSETT. She Also Accuses Him of the Crime which Brought her to her Deathbed-A Man who Wished to be "Problematic,"

Miss Tessie Covert, a daughter of Village Trustee Jerome C. Covert of Jamaica, is dying at her father's house, a victim of malpractice, and John Melville Bassett is imprisoned in the Jamaica jail accused both of her betrayal and the crime which led to her impending death. mortem statement to Coroner Everit,
Miss Covert is about 22 years old. She is

short and thick set, with dark hair and eyes, She bore an excellent reputation in the town. Her father, who is a village trustee, is a member of the firm of Acker & Co., storage warehouse, of 73 South street, this city. Covert first met Bassett last June, it is said, in East New York. He is tall, has dark curly hair, and appears to be about 38 years old. He told Miss Covert he was a broker, and that his office was at 171 Broadway. The people of Jamaica saw the an for the first time last summer. He began to diet town in July. He Hayes positively identified himas the man who used to arrive in the ean. evening and had annoyed her. He is an Italian about 30 go away about 10 or 11 o'clock. He was years old. He said his name was Niccolo seen occasionally on the street with Miss Covert. Toward fall he frequently spent several days at a time in Jamaica, stayspent several days at a time in Jamaica, staying at Mr. Covert's house. He was something
of a mystery to the acquaintances of the family. It was understood that he was engaged to
Miss Covert. A casual nequaintance one tried
to draw bim out. Eassett got fidgety under
the questioning, which was in the presence of
others, and at length draw a card from his
pocket, wrote something on the back of it, and
handed it to his questioner. Then he left the
hotel in a hurry. This was on the card:

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dam disaster reaches here slowly. The company camp, three miles below the lower dam, contained about 125 people two weeks ago, and there were probably that many there at the time of the disaster, and fears are entertained for their lives. A courier who has arrived from near there says he was awakened at about 2 o'clock in the morning by the shricks of the people. The wave was fifty feet high when he first saw it, and was sparkling in the darkness with millions of phosphorescent flashes. With a terrible roar it almost instantly sept away tents and buildings. The canon, that was full of frees, was sweet clear.

A prospector who was camping on a bluff four niles below Wickenberg, says the sight from where he stood was submitted to the locatroy them. Constable Ashimead endeavored to prevent high, with a fearful crash and roar and rushed through the narrow gorge like lighting, cleaning out the last veetige of everything movable, leaving the bare hardrock.

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cuffs over the prisoner's wrists. The constable saved all the papers.

Coroner Evertit empanelled a jury yesterday afterneon and visited the house of the dying girl. The jury, it is said, listened to her deposition, which was read in her presence. It is also said the prisoner was taken into the sign room and pointed out by the dying girl as the person who had performed the operation. He is held without ball, and no one is allowed to speak with him. is held without bail, and no one is allowed to speak with him.

Dr. Wood said last night that Miss Covert would probably live through the night but there was hardly a possibility of her recovery. Basset's name is not in either the Brooklyn or the New York Directory. At the office of the American Polyerizer Company, 171 Broadway, it was explained yesterday that he rented desk room, and had his mall sent there. They knew nothing whatever of him. They understood he was a note broker, and that he lived in Brooklyn. He did not often visit the office, and then apparently only to get his mail.

A Brief Midwinter Summer,

The storm that stretched from Canada to Texas on Tuesday, that a well-defined centre yesterday that spread over upper New York and the New England States. Its movement drew a decided warm wave into the Tennessee valley, which ran the temperature up to vanced, and yesterday it was still warmer in the south Atlantic States and registered between 70° and 80°. In this city the thermometer at moon touched 67°, making it the warmest dily in February that the Signal Service has any record of. The text warmest was 64°, Feb. 23, 18%. Pressing close on to the warm ware was a decided cold wave that should reach here to day and cause a lightning charge from summer to winter. The temperature is expected to drop below freezing, and in the northern part of the State nearer to zero.

The fog was dense until about S.A. M. when it grad nally diminished over the land and remained light during the afternoon continuing dense on the New England coast throughout the day & Rain fell in all the New England States and in the lake region, with snow in Utah, Kansas, Michigan, and Canada. A cale was

down to Texas, where it was below freezing.
A depression of considerable magnitude was forming in the Rocky Mountains, extending from Josho to New Mexico, and causing enow and high winds in the sur-

rounding states and Territories.

The Mississippi liver continues to rise, and an over-flow is reported from Emituely, while at New Orleans the gauge marks 2 feet o melies above the danger line— with a half a feet of the bighest water mark. Taking into consideration a rise in the river at Calca turies, it is reasonable to expect floods in the ower MUSELSHIPPI The weather in this city, after the lifting of the fog.

was fair and spring like. The highest Government temperature was 67% lowest 42% wind brisk weak average humidity 76 per cent.

To day and temerter promise to be fair and colder.
The thermometer at Perry's planmacy in Tax Sombunding recorded the temperature yesterday as follows:

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sey, and belaware, colder; northwesterts winds; fair wrather.
For the District of Columbia and Maryland, colder; fair weather, variable winds, generally northwesterly. For western New York and western Pennsylvania

colder, northwesterly winds, fair weather, except on the lakes threatening weather and show. JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Edward Burgess of Boston is at the Murray Hitt

C. I. Tenner has subscribed \$190 to the Arch Fund. The fund is now \$71.02012. Chief Judge Larremore has granted an absolute divorce to Jacob Speckingte from Limits Speckingge. The exhibition of the American Water Color Society, now about to close at the Academy of Design, will be transferred to Burla. transferred to Bullace. The Park Buard, yesterday gave permission to the French Association to struct a brodge status of Horace Streetey in front of the Trainor building.

A lady who left car 220 of the Broadway line at Astor pace at the P. M. yesterday of the reconclabed in the car, it was handed over to the condition.

letters lie was held in Soist tout for examination.
Detective Waiter of Superimendest Marray a staff pit to in the lorse Swift at the Limited Hotel, strand and hard large year-risk and arrased Pollemier James t. Williams at lieses Market Williams was held for stall.
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ing \$13.165 were awarded.

Women oblige I to attend the General Sessions as complatmants or witnesses will find a waiting room and a
matron for their use in the basement of the court house
next Monday. The room his been prepared at the request of the Judges of the court.

quest of the sudges of the court.
The Court de Farts, who was expected on the steames. City of Courties which arrived here from having year-terday, we not on board that vessel nor did he come on the maratica, which sell Havana three days later than her saver slip, and wo true to territery extenday of termion. The introducer of the sum is easi that his Court had not account that the Court had not account the true and when the vessel was the few true to the sum of the court was defined as the few true was a few forms.

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